

Downtown SUMMIT

Break-out Session: Public Projects

Summit Comment

Convention Center

Focus on long-term solutions

Develop PR campaign that includes downtown venues

Solve parking issues

Market Square

Install interpretative spaces

Resolve creek and fountain issues

Consider concrete staining

Knox County

Continue joint efforts, i.e.:

- Beck Cultural Center

- new downtown library efforts

- Knoxville Central Station

- Movie complex

Keep in mind the allocation of County tax dollars within the City

Construction issues

Consider sidewalk and alley access during construction

Consider alternatives that favor public safety and pedestrian access

Design Standards

Employ long-range thinking for aesthetics

Initiate public process for review

Encourage, but not impose on, private property owners to comply

Integrate lighting plans review into permit review process

Finish the Plan

Get beyond the Presentation... Plan... Presentation... Plan... of the last 25 years

Aim for organized, sustained implementation

Aim for broad buy-in and community ownership of process and results

World's Fair Park

RFP is out and due November 30

Renovations and management to be driven by the private sector

Generate new creativity and energy

Maintain a family-oriented, arts & entertainment element

Cinema

Details: 500 Block of Gay Street, 8 screens, free evening and weekend parking

- Expert consultants on-board

- Capital project is in City budget

- Overall project will go to Council

Review and discuss viability of keeping facades: structural and financial issues

Knoxville as Destination?

Should development be focused on making Knoxville a destination?

Is there community support for *Big* projects?

How do *Big* projects impact neighborhoods?

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Old City

Consider Old City as extension of downtown
Integrate Magnolia improvements as part of I-40 project
Tie any Jackson/100 Block improvements to Old City
Review potential expansion of CBID to the north
Be creative and supportive of community ideas

South Waterfront

Develop and then communicate planning process

Daylight Block

Maximize potential to expand the downtown demographic with another residential product

Transportation

Consider how roadway designs divide the city
Establish regional approach with TDOT

Gay Street Viaduct

When is Volunteer Ministry moving?
Communicate TDOT's construction plans once finalized

UT Housing

Facilitate moving graduate students downtown